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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/851,302	Applicant(s) YAMANO ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/4/2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Regarding applicant's arguments regarding claim 3, the Tanaka reference does teach a calculation type address having bits "1" corresponding to destinations to which a multicast packet is to be transferred. The multicast addresses of Tanaka contain some bits set to "1" along with some set to "0" and those bits are used to indicate the destinations of the packet, which the claim language "corresponding" reads on. The language of claim 3 reads on Tanaka.
2. The motivation to combine may come from the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art (see MPEP 706.02(j)). The need to address packets so as to allow system components to route them efficiently is known to those of ordinary skill.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Schroeder in further view of George. At least one calculation type address having bits "1" corresponding to destinations to which a multicast packet is to be transferred is disclosed in Tanaka, column 1, lines 60-64 (the address here is calculated to indicate the destinations of the multicast packet, it would inherently use bits "1" to indicate the destination). Claim 3 further specifies at least one directional route mask and at least one terminal mask, which are missing from Tanaka. However, a directional

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route mask having bits "1" corresponding to those directional routes into which a multicast packet is to be transferred is disclosed in Schroeder, column 26, lines 11-16. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the multicast address of Tanaka with the mask of Schroeder. The motivation would be to give the routers in the system extra information to use in the routing of packets. Claim 3 further specifies a terminal mask having a bit "1" corresponding to that destination which is to receive the multicast packet is disclosed in George, column 12, lines 33-37. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to include a terminal mask in the system of Tanaka and Schroeder. The motivation would be to give the routers in the system extra information to use in the routing of packets.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia L. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3117. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 6, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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